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Mom questions emergency response for TransLink

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

A Vancouver mom says she is concerned about TransLink's emergency procedures after she says staff failed to call 911 for a SkyTrain rider who was in distress and needed help from paramedics.

On Feb. 21 around 7 p.m., Cynthia Stark says she and her 17-year-old son boarded a train at VCC Station, and noticed a woman who appeared to be asleep with her belongings scattered across the floor.

When she told the woman she had dropped her stuff, Stark said the woman failed to respond and appeared frightened and confused. "I said, 'Are you OK? Do you need help?'" she recalled.

Stark said she quickly ran to the on-train speakerphone and told a SkyTrain operator that a passenger on the train was having a medical emergency.

At the next station, she said a SkyTrain attendant boarded the train and tried to carry the woman off the train but was unsuccessful.

When the train stopped again, she said another SkyTrain attendant boarded. To her surprise, however, she said the attendant indicated that he "didn't feel like picking her up," questioned if the woman could be intoxicated and got off the train.

"They were just assuming she was drunk," she said.

"But she didn't smell like it or act like it. And even if she was drunk, that's not an excuse not to do anything."

Stark said the operator then told her that transit police would meet them at Braid Station, which she determined was a 17-minute journey away.

> **She just said, 'Help ...'**
> Cynthia Stark

TransLink spokesman Chris Bryan said all SkyTrain attendants have first-aid training, and that the attendant who responded determined the woman's situation did not require an ambulance to be called.

However, he said transit police met the woman at Lougheed Station and, after assessing the situation, decided to call 911.

"In this case, staff felt they acted appropriately under the circumstances," he said.

But Stark isn't satisfied with that response.

"I just think, that could have been me lying down there," she said, "and is this how they would treat me?"

Cynthia Stark is concerned about TransLink's emergency procedures after she says staff failed to call 911 for a SkyTrain rider who was in medical distress. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

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Feds to review convictions of gay men made before homosexual acts were decriminalized. **Canada**

Victoria mayor urges patience

SEWAGE TREATMENT

Lisa Helps hopes Washington State will hold off on travel ban

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

The Capital Regional District is close to deciding on a final option of sewage treatment ahead of the federal funding deadlines in March. THANDI FLETCHER/METRO

After two decades of false starts and now the threat of a public sector travel ban from Washington State, Victoria's mayor insists progress is being made on a sewage treatment plant in the Capital Regional District.

Mayor Lisa Helps says the region's seven municipalities and two First Nations are all at the table "like I've never seen before" and are close to deciding on a final option for sewage treatment in time for federal funding deadlines in March.

The progress comes after 23 years of "political quagmire" and NIMBYism, pressure from neighbouring jurisdictions angry that raw sewage is still being dumped in the ocean and a looming national mandate to end the practice by 2020.

Washington State's House of Representatives added to the pressure last week, voting in favour of a provision in its budget bill to ban business travel to Victoria until the region has primary sewage treatment in place (the ban still needs Senate support).

"What you're seeing here is a reasonable expression of our frustration," said Representative Jeff Morris. "It's been 23 years and it's been too long."

Morris told Metro all neighbouring U.S. jurisdictions in the Strait of Juan de Fuca have primary, and often secondary, sewage treatment sites while Victoria is still dumping raw sewage into the waters.

For a region dependent on ecotourism on both sides of the border, Morris said a solution to the Capital Regional District's stalemate "benefits us all."

> **We all want to get on with it. We understand the urgency.**
> Lisa Helps

If the Victoria region misses its funding deadlines and has to go back to the drawing board again, Morris said the state would consider escalating to a full-on tourism ban.

Helps told Metro she takes Washington State's proposed public employee travel ban seriously but insists action is on the way.

"I feel as frustrated as Washington State when asking why this is taking so damn long. They've seen 20 years of talk but we are moving ahead," said Helps, elected in 2014.

"I'd ask our neighbours for just a little bit more patience, even if it wore out 10 years ago."

The municipalities and First Nations involved met twice last week and have narrowed their list down to two potential sewage treatment sites (ranging from $786 million to $1.2 billion)

Helps said the tone — and commitment to finally see the project become reality — between the sometimes-conflicting municipalities at the table has completely changed recently.

"We all want to get on with it," she said. "We understand the urgency."

She is confident the district will vote on a preferred option in time to apply for PPP Canada funding for the project on March 31.

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Sixty-year-old man enjoys 15th birthday

LEAP YEAR

Being born on Feb. 29 has its share of boons and drawbacks

Thandi Fletcher
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Peter Brouwer might be turning 60 on Monday, but the Vancouverite says he still feels like a teenager at heart.

That's because Brouwer is about to celebrate his 15th birthday.

He had the rare fortune — or misfortune, as some might describe it — of being born on Feb. 29, 1956. Although that means he only gets to celebrate his genuine birthday once every four years, Brouwer said he still relishes the rarity of being a leap-year baby.

"I'm old and wise way before my time," he joked. "It's way better."

Still, being a "leaper," as Brouwer calls those who share his birthday, does come with its own unique set of challenges.

Most of those inconveniences are caused by bureaucratic or technological failures to recognize the unique birthdate.

In 1997, Brouwer co-founded the Honor Society of Leap Year Day Babies, an organization that aims to celebrate those born on Feb. 29, as well as raise awareness of the hassles associated with the birthdate and to advocate for those affected.

For example, Brouwer said he has had an ongoing struggle with his insurance company, whose computer software doesn't support the day. He said his insurance file now lists his birthdate as March 1, with a note beside it indicating his true birthday is Feb. 29.

Among the biggest challenges his society's members face, said Brouwer, is a lack of awareness about leap years. He said a police officer once accused a member of having a falsified driver's licence because the officer didn't believe that Feb. 29 existed.

> **We don't have this pressing sense that our life is passing by.**
> Peter Brouwer

Historically, he said, doctors sometimes recommended parents of babies born on Feb. 29 change their child's birthdate to Feb. 28 or March 1 for their birth registration to avoid any hassles.

However, Brouwer said he has felt a noticeable change in recent years in favour of those with leap-year birthdays.

Facebook recently updated their birthday policy, thanks to lobbying from the society, to accommodate those born on Feb. 29, he said. Before it was changed, friends of leap-year babies would get a reminder on Feb. 28 that their birthday was the next day. But on March 1, the notification would disappear.

While it isn't always easy, Brouwer said he thinks there's some benefits to celebrating your real birthday just once every four years.

"We don't have this pressing sense that our life is passing by," he said. "We don't go through that. We can barely remember what we did on our last birthday."

And while most people born on leap days still celebrate their birthday every year, either the day before or after Feb. 29, Brouwer insists on going one step further, making his birthday a month-long celebration between leap years.

"I treat myself special all of February," he said.

Peter Brouwer was born Feb. 29, 1956. COURTESY PETER BROUWER

The rare disease dilemma

RESEARCH

Sufferers used to being in tug of wars over public funding

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

Canadians suffering from one of 7,000 known rare diseases often find themselves in the middle of a frustrating balancing act, says a University of British Columbia scientist.

Treatments for rare diseases can run millions of dollars in costs, and governments are often forced to choose whether to fund treatment or put limited resources into initiatives that can help more people.

That's one of the complex realities Larry Lynd and his team at the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Science, together with the UBC school of journalism, wanted to highlight with the launch of milliondollarmeds.com.

The website highlights families affected by rare diseases and the challenges they face due to expensive costs levelled by pharmaceutical companies and the life-and-death decisions provinces are often forced to make.

Rare diseases are by no means rare. There are 7,000 known. A rare disease is defined as a condition that affects one in 2,000. COLOURBOX

"Most times when people hear about a rare disease, it's because a patient is on the front page of the (Vancouver) Sun or Metro or on CBC. They have a treatment, but it's not being funded," said Lynd. "We wanted to give a broader perspective, inform the public and show how these are difficult problems (facing taxpayers)."

One of the biggest myths about rare diseases, Lynd says, is that they're rare. The definition of a rare disease is one that affects one in 2,000 people or fewer.

Given Canada's population and the fact there are thousands of rare diseases, the numbers add up. "That's a lot of people," said Lynd.

But because they affect fewer people, less research funding is available for them and pharmaceutical companies are less likely to invest in treatments.

When they do, the costs to patients and provinces can be astronomical. Million Dollar Med$ explores that landscape and offers possible solutions, like possible crowdfunding schemes or a publicly funded national pharmacare plan.

The ultimate goal of the project is to increase awareness and help find ways of driving down treatment costs, Lynd said.

Feb. 29

National Rare Disease Day is fittingly on a leap day.

IN BRIEF

Forestry company to briefly suspend operations over workplace death

A man is dead following what a forestry company is calling a "tragic accident" at one of its operations on northern Vancouver Island.

TimberWest Forest Corp. spokeswoman Monica Bailey said an equipment operator was killed Friday afternoon at the company's Bonanza Lake site near Port McNeill. Bailey would not provide the cause of death, saying only the man was moving his equipment at the time.

"Forest communities tend to be very small, and people who work in forestry tend to know one another quite well," she said. "It's a heartbreaking moment for all community members on the island and for forestry in general."

The man was employed by one of TimberWest's contractors.

In a statement, TimberWest CEO Jeff Zweig said: "We express our deepest sympathies to the family, friends and colleagues touched by this." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Two arrests, $900K in OT

PROJECT SOUVENIR

RCMP billed nearly a million extra to catch terror suspects

The RCMP spent just over $900,000 in overtime pay over the course of a five-month undercover operation that led to the arrests of two terrorism suspects in British Columbia.

Documents obtained by The Canadian Press through a freedom-of-information request show the Mounties paid at least 200 people, mostly police officers, $911,090.54 for overtime work during the investigation, which was code named Project Souvenir.

The operation culminated in the arrests of common-law spouses John Nuttall and Amanda Korody on July 1, 2013. They were found guilty last summer of plotting to blow up the B.C. legislature on that Canada Day.

Their convictions have not been entered while defence lawyers argue in B.C. Supreme Court that the couple were manipulated by police into planting homemade pressure-cooker bombs on the legislature grounds.

John Nuttall and Amanda Korody in a still image from RCMP video. RCMP HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Defence counsel has described Nuttall and Korody as poor, methadone-dependent former drug addicts, while the Crown has said they embraced a radicalized form of Islam and were ready to kill and maim innocent people.

> **We're robbing Peter to pay Paul.**
> Rob Creasser, head of the Mounted Police Professional Association of Canada

The court heard earlier that the operation involved more than 240 police officers, most of whom worked behind the scenes. Many were involved sporadically in the investigation.

The bulk of the project's overtime expenses, $519,039.55, went to 100 constables involved in the case, while 30 corporals were paid $128,369.76 and 24 sergeants received $69,494.65. Records show the Vancouver Police Department was given $92,397, though it's unclear how that money was divided.

The overall cost of the operation was not provided. Without a breakdown of the number of work hours and officer ranks, it's difficult to estimate the overall cost, given that remuneration ranges from a starting salary of $48,000 a year for constables to $107,000 for staff-sergeants and beyond.

Money invested in elaborate undercover operations can come at the expense of basic policing services, said ex-Mountie Rob Creasser, head of the Mounted Police Professional Association of Canada.

Creasser described the RCMP's ongoing resource-shifting exercise as a "shell game."

"Justice does have a cost," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

STANLEY CUP RIOT

Offender dies one week after being sentenced

Correctional Service Canada says a 30-year-old man who was sentenced last week for crimes he committed during the 2011 Stanley Cup riot has died in hospital.

William Fisher was sentenced Feb. 19 to three years in prison after being found guilty on a series of charges including taking part in a riot, aggravated assault and breaking and entering.

He was an inmate at Pacific Institution in Abbotsford and died at a hospital in New Westminster on Thursday.

His next-of-kin have been notified and there is no word on the cause of death.

The police and coroner have been notified and the Correctional Service says it will review the circumstances of the incident.

British Columbia's Justice Minister Suzanne Anton said last week Fisher's sentence was the toughest handed out for crimes committed during the melee. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Better LGBTQ sex ed needed: Study

HEALTH

Bisexual and lesbian girls more likely to get pregnant

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

A new University of British Columbia study has found that one in five lesbian teens who are sexually active say they have recently had sex with a male partner, yet only a third discussed using condoms.

The findings highlight that sexual orientation and sexual behaviour don't always align, especially during the teen years, underscoring a need for schools to offer comprehensive sexual-health education that teaches all youth about safe sex practices, said UBC nursing professor and study co-author Elizabeth Saewyc.

"Some of it is experimenting," Saewyc told Metro. "But it's really important that if that's going to happen, that young girls are prepared and aware that if they are ending up having sex with a guy for whatever reason, that even once can put you at risk for unintended pregnancy or STIs."

The study, which used data from nearly 3,000 girls between the ages of 13 and 18 in the United States, found that lesbian and bisexual girls and lesbian and bisexual adolescents engaged in risky sexual behaviours at higher rates than their straight counterparts.

For example, lesbians were significantly younger on average (13.8 years) when they first had sex, compared to bisexual girls (15.1) and heterosexual girls (15.5).

Lesbian teen girls were more likely to have had sex than their straight peers, and both lesbian and bisexual girls had more lifetime partners. Bisexual and lesbian girls also had higher rates of pregnancy, the researchers found.

Meanwhile, four in five bisexual teen girls who described themselves as being sexually active also reported having a recent male sex partner, compared to one in five lesbian girls. But only about a third (32 per cent) of lesbian girls discussed using barriers like condoms or dental dams with their most recent sex partner, compared to 62 per cent for bisexual teens and 73 per cent for straight girls.

That's worrying, said Saewyc, and suggests a gap in information in sexual health education in schools that is potentially putting lesbian and bisexual teens at risk of contracting STIs. She said another UBC study of teen girls in B.C. last year yielded similar answers.

Elizabeth Saewyc, UBC nursing professor and study co-author, said it's important for schools to ensure lesbian and bisexual girls feel included in sexual-health education classes. COURTESY UBC

> **Even once can put you at risk for unintended pregnancy or STIs.**
> Elizabeth Saewyc

She urged teachers to not make assumptions about the sexual orientation of anyone in their classrooms, and to ensure that sex education is taught in a way that is inclusive of LGBTQ students.

"Lesbian and bisexual girls, they need to feel included that the message is for them too, otherwise they might tune out," she said.

"They might think this is all about straight girls, I don't need to listen, and then an opportunity arises where they might be having sex with a guy, and they're not prepared."

The study, which is published in the March issue of the Journal of Adolescent Health, was co-authored with researchers from the Graduate Center and City College of the City University of New York.

CRIME

Woman arrested over racially charged SkyTrain assault

A Coquitlam woman accused of yelling racial slurs and assaulting a woman at the Granville SkyTrain Station last September has been arrested.

Sarah Dawn Sullivan, 25, was arrested Tuesday and has been charged with assault causing bodily harm, according to a statement Friday from transit police.

In November, police released images and issued a public appeal looking for information about the identities of two women accused of yelling racial slurs at non-white passengers on the lower level of the train station after midnight on Sept. 19.

When another woman politely asked them to stop, police allege that she was attacked, suffering cuts, bruises, a black eye and injuries to one arm. Police said the victim broke free, fled the area and called 911 while her alleged attackers boarded a westbound train for Waterfront Station.

Transit police said investigators received a number of tips following the public appeal in November, which led to the arrest.

Transit police spokeswoman Anne Drennan said a second woman was also identified and interviewed, but will not be charged.

Sullivan, who was not previously known to police, has been released on conditions and is scheduled to appear in Vancouver Community Court on March 9.

THANDI FLETCHER/METRO

People with knee osteoarthritis needed for a research study!

The Motion Analysis and Biofeedback Lab at the University of British Columbia is seeking volunteers aged 50 and older with knee osteoarthritis to participate in a study involving a knee radiograph, three 2-hour visits at UBC to assess walking characteristics, and a four-month supervised walking exercise program.

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Residents of Nunatsiavut, N.L., are grieving **changes in the environment such as rising temperatures, delayed ice formation, shortened seasons, and shifting habitat**, according to PhD student Ashlee Cunsolo Willox, an assistant professor at Cape Breton University. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Climate impacts anxiety

INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

Mental health of northern communities 'a big concern'

It's mid-February and the ice roads into and out of Deer Lake First Nation still aren't reliable enough to officially open, a reality that weighs heavily on the minds of residents.

"It's very late. It's bad. We want to get our stuff, our supplies, housing materials, fuel. I don't know if we'll be able to get it this year (by road)," said chief Roy Dale Meekis.

Anxieties are high in this small Oji-Cree community, located about 700 kilometres northwest of Thunder Bay. An unusually warm winter in Ontario's north has left the roads unstable and unsafe, and kept local road groomers out of work.

More supplies have to come by air, meaning higher costs for food, diesel fuel, medicines and bottled water in a community that has been under a drinking water advisory since 2001. To reduce demand for fuel, Deer Lake recently installed a 624-panel solar system to power the school. It helps, but doesn't address the isolation.

> **There's something definitely wrong in the North.**
> Regional chief Isadore Day

"It is a big concern, but what can we do? There's nothing we can do," said Meekis.

Deer Lake isn't alone. Ontario has roughly 3,100 kilometres of ice roads that keep 30 remote First Nation communities connected to the rest of the province.

"There's something definitely wrong in the North," said Isadore Day, Ontario's regional chief for the Assembly of First Nations.

In an interview, Day said he suspects that despair over climate change — its impact on roads, infrastructure, hunting traditions and the surrounding environment — is contributing to mental health and social problems in aboriginal communities.

He has called on the province and federal government to conduct a major climate change impact study for the North.

"A study of this nature, if done, will have the added effect of short-circuiting the anxiety we have of being left out of this growing national discussion on climate change policy," said Day.

Ashlee Cunsolo Willox, an assistant professor of indigenous studies at Cape Breton University, said the connection between mental health and climate change in Canada's North is growing stronger.

"In Canada, we have this active fishing culture, active farming culture, and large Arctic indigenous groups who are on the front lines of climate change," she said, adding she was moved to tears from hearing their stories. "It's so hard to articulate how close they are to it and part of it — their breathing, their skin, their bones, their blood. So even subtle impacts on the environment can have major impacts on how they feel."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

CONVICTIONS

Feds plan review of past cases of gay men

The federal government says it plans to review cases where gay men were convicted of charges of "gross indecency" and "buggery" before the late 1960s when Canada decriminalized homosexual acts between consenting adults.

Details about the review are expected to be released in the coming days.

A spokesman for Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said Sunday the review will determine if a pardon is warranted for any of the men who were convicted.

One of those men convicted under the old law was Everett Klippert, who was twice convicted under Canada's anti-homosexuality laws for consenting sexual acts in the 1960s.

Trudeau spokesman Cameron Ahmad said in a statement that Trudeau intends to recommend a pardon be granted posthumously to Klippert.

Canada's laws against homosexuality were changed in the 1960s, when Trudeau's father was in government.

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KLIPPERT

Klippert spent four years in prison after his first conviction in Calgary in 1960, and then three years after a conviction in Hay River, N.W.T., in 1965.

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IN BRIEF

Canadians welcome 25,000th Syrian refugee

The 25,000th Syrian refugee landed in Canada Saturday night marking the end of the first phase of the Liberals' massive resettlement program.

They were part of a plane load of refugees who touched down in Montreal.

In the coming days, the group will spread to eight different provinces joining those who've arrived in Canada since November.

The Liberals had first made a commitment to resettle that many Syrian refugees in Canada almost a year ago while in opposition.

Of the 25,000, more than half will have their costs covered by the government for their first year.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

ANIMAL FIGHTING

Shelter applies to kill dogs from alleged ring

Twenty-one alleged fighting dogs sit in a kennel in an undisclosed location somewhere in Ontario, where they'll remain until a court decides whether they live or die.

The Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has filed an application in a court in Chatham, Ont., to destroy the animals, which they recently seized after a raid on an alleged dogfighting ring.

Details of the allegations are part of an almost 100-page document filed by the society on Jan. 16. There is also a related criminal case that remains in its early stages, where four people face more than 300 charges related to animal cruelty and weapons offences.

None of the allegations have been proven in court.

And that's the problem for the defence lawyer representing the four accused. Ken Marley is now in the rare position of having to show his cards in a different but related case to fight the application brought by the OSPCA.

"So we either play our hand now and respond to the application and then the Crown knows what your defence is at trial, or alternatively we do nothing and let the dogs be destroyed and then play your hand at the trial," he said in an interview.

John Jacob Robert, Kim Thu Thi Robert, Michel Conrad Gagnon are named in the OSPCA application, which is a case falling under the provincial offences act. The Roberts' son, John Jr., is also named in the criminal case.

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Clinton pulling ahead

U.S. PRESIDENTIAL RACE

Hillary has edge on eve of Super Tuesday

Hillary Clinton resoundingly reclaimed her standing as the front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination with a lopsided victory over Bernie Sanders in South Carolina, giving her momentum heading into the Super Tuesday contests in multiple states.

For Sanders, the roughly 50-point defeat crystallized his weakness with black voters, a crucial segment of the Democratic electorate. If he loses blacks by similar margins in the Southern states that vote Tuesday, Clinton would likely take a delegate lead too difficult for the Vermont senator to overcome.

Taken together, 865 Democratic delegates to the party's national nominating convention are up for grabs in the Super Tuesday contests in 11 states and American Samoa. Sanders aims to stay close to Clinton in the South while focusing most of his attention on states in the Midwest and Northeast, including his home state of Vermont.

As Clinton relished the most sweeping victory of her political career, her focus was already on Super Tuesday — and the general election.

"Despite what you hear, we don't need to make America great again," Clinton said at a rally Saturday night, alluding to Republican front-runner Donald Trump and his campaign slogan. "America has never stopped being great," Clinton declared.

> **America has never stopped being great.**
> Hillary Clinton

Sanders acknowledged getting "decimated" in South Carolina, but said Sunday on NBC's Meet the Press that his campaign is "looking to the future, not looking back" as the contests move outside the South.

For Clinton, South Carolina was a moment to wipe away bitter memories of her loss to Barack Obama there eight years ago.

Hillary Clinton takes the lead in South Carolina. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

She won the support of nearly nine in 10 black voters, crucial Democratic backers who had abandoned her for Obama in 2008.

Clinton has a substantial lead among superdelegates, the Democratic Party leaders who can vote for the candidate of their choice at this summer's national convention, regardless of how their states vote. It takes 2,383 delegates to win the nomination.

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IN BRIEF

Gas explosions at mine kill 36 people in Russia

A methane gas leak at a coal mine in Russia's far north triggered three explosions that ignited fires and partially collapsed the mine, killing 36 people, officials said Sunday.

The dead included five rescue workers and a mine worker who were killed early Sunday when the third explosion rocked the Severnaya mine in Vorkuta, a town north of the Arctic Circle in the Komi region, the emergency services said.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Algerian jailed for possible link to Paris terror attacks

An Algerian citizen has been jailed for possible links to the suspected ringleader of the Paris attacks, Abdelhamid Abaaoud.

A court in Algeria's Bejaia province said the man, who lives in Belgium, was jailed Tuesday in the northern Algerian town Akbou.

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CALIFORNIA

KKK rally triggers stabbings

Dozens of protesters who heard about a planned Ku Klux Klan rally were waiting by a Southern California park when six Klansmen pulled up in a black SUV and took out signs reading "White Lives Matter." The KKK members were dressed in black shirts decorated with the Klan cross and Confederate flag patches.

The protesters immediately moved in, surrounding the Klansmen. Someone smashed the SUV's window, and then mayhem ensued.

Witness video captured the brawl just after noon Saturday in an Anaheim park about three miles from Disneyland. Several protesters could be seen kicking a KKK member. One Klansman with an American flag used the pole's tip to stab a man.

"I got stabbed," the man screamed, lifting his T-shirt to show a wound to his stomach. A fire hydrant where the man briefly sat was covered in blood.

By the time order was restored, three people had been stabbed, one critically. Five Klansmen were booked for investigation of assault with a deadly weapon, and seven of the approximately 30 counter-protesters were arrested on suspicion of assault with force likely to cause great bodily injury.

"I thought they were going to stomp these Klansmen to death," said Brian Levin, who directs California State University, San Bernardino's Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism. Levin, who was monitoring the protest, said he tried to intervene when "all hell broke loose," using his body to get between counter-protesters and Klansmen until officers were able to reach the scene.

A stabbing victim receives first aid from a police officer at Pearson Park in Anaheim Saturday. OC WEEKLY VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Levin said he saw no uniformed officers when the melee started.

Sgt. Daron Wyatt says police were definitely there and were engaged with people at one end of the fight, and called for additional resources to deploy to the other end.

He says the event stretched along an entire city block.

Police Chief Raul Quezada said his officers were able to respond quickly enough to arrest all but one of the main participants, with the exception of one counter-protester who was still at large Sunday.

Four of the arrestees were released after a review of video evidence, he said Sunday in a statement from the city.

"We will always honour free speech in Anaheim, but we vehemently reject hate and violent confrontation," said Mayor Tom Tait.

"Anaheim is proud to draw strength in its diversity, tolerance and kindness, and Saturday's events run counter to that."

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Cineplex stepping into eSports field

VIDEO GAMING

Theatre chain invests $15M in fast-growing pastime

It's a classic sporting narrative: The plucky underdog takes on an established player while spectators squeal and grunt after a good shot or near miss.

But in this case, whenever the competitors get one-upped they respawn.

Welcome to eSports, where both underdog and veteran are teenage boys going toe-to-toe — or more accurately controller-to-controller — in Cineplex's first national video game tournament.

The game of choice is a one-on-one version of Call of Duty: Black Ops 3, a first-person shooter in which players aim down the barrel of their guns to find and kill enemy combatants.

The winner of the regional contest becomes Toronto's representative in the national championship on March 6, the winner of which will take home $20,000.

Cineplex has invested $15 million US in WorldGaming, through which it will run house leagues, rent out playing time at theatres and host local and national tournaments.

It plans to hold national championships on the scale of the inaugural Call of Duty tournament on a quarterly basis.

The movie theatre in downtown Toronto was only half full of challengers and spectators — a far cry from the arena-sized crowds eSports draws in Asia, with its multimillion-dollar prizes and viewership second only to the Super Bowl.

But the movie theatre event is progress for a country that is still considered a noob in the eSports world.

The Canadian theatre chain is one of a growing number of companies looking to stake an early claim into eSports, a pastime that could soon eclipse going to the movies among millennials. Some projections estimate the eSports market could grow to $2 billion US by 2018.

Deloitte's annual technology trend forecast said the potential business value of eSports "is clearly too significant to ignore." It estimated global eSports revenue this year will be $500 million (U.S.), up 25 per cent from 2014, with revenues growing faster than traditional sports, though still just a fraction of what they pull in.

ESports presents opportunities for corporate brands trying to reach a younger generation, said Rob Segal, CEO of WorldGaming. "It plays like sports, which a lot of these brands are used to, especially a lot of the teen brands."

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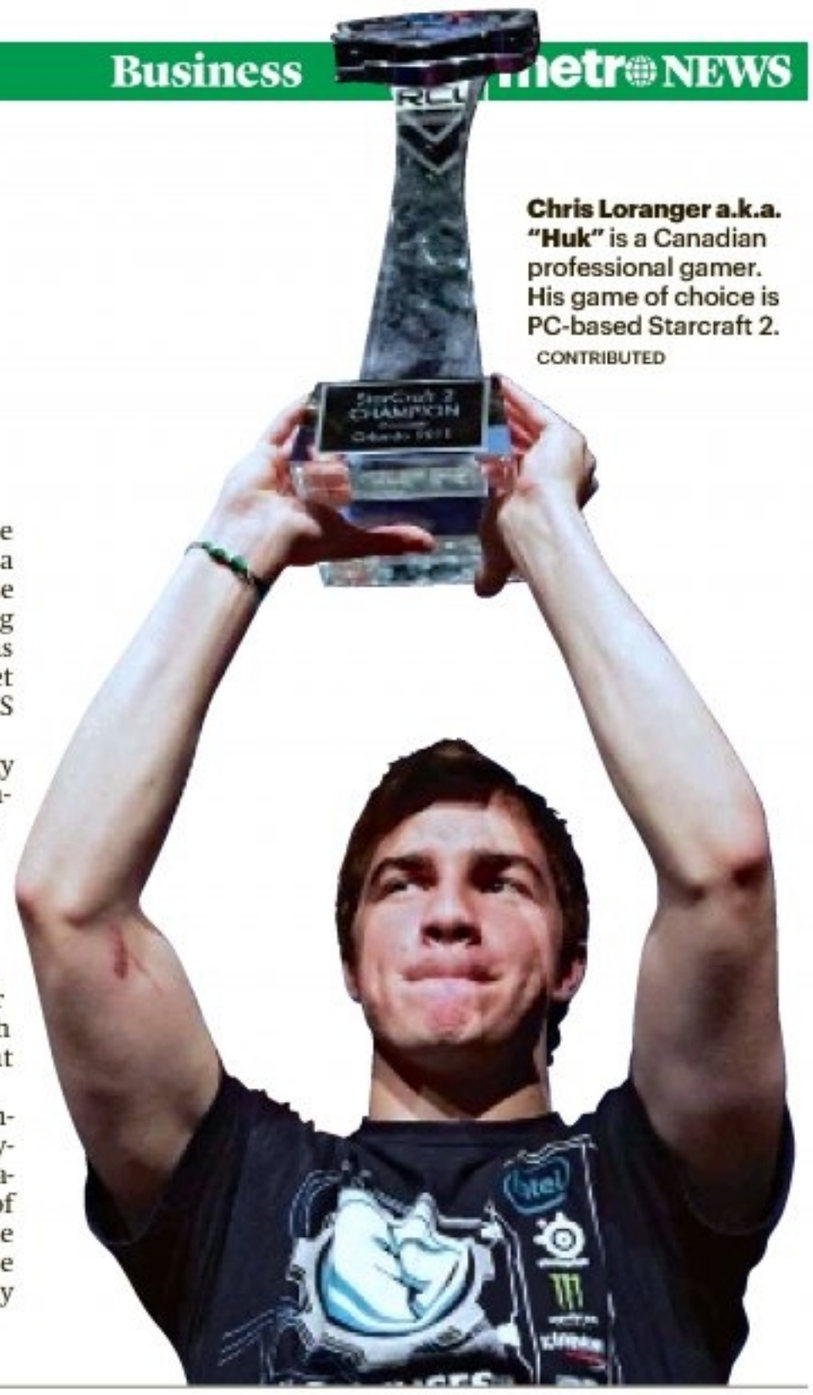
THE NUMBERS

$18.4 million US — biggest overall prize giveaway in eSports history was doled out at The International DOTA 2 2015 championships.

$6.6 million US — first place team take-home from DOTA 2 championship

5th — Canadian players' ranking in total money earned in tournaments

$500 million US — Global revenues expected to be generated by eSports in 2016, up 25 per cent from 2015



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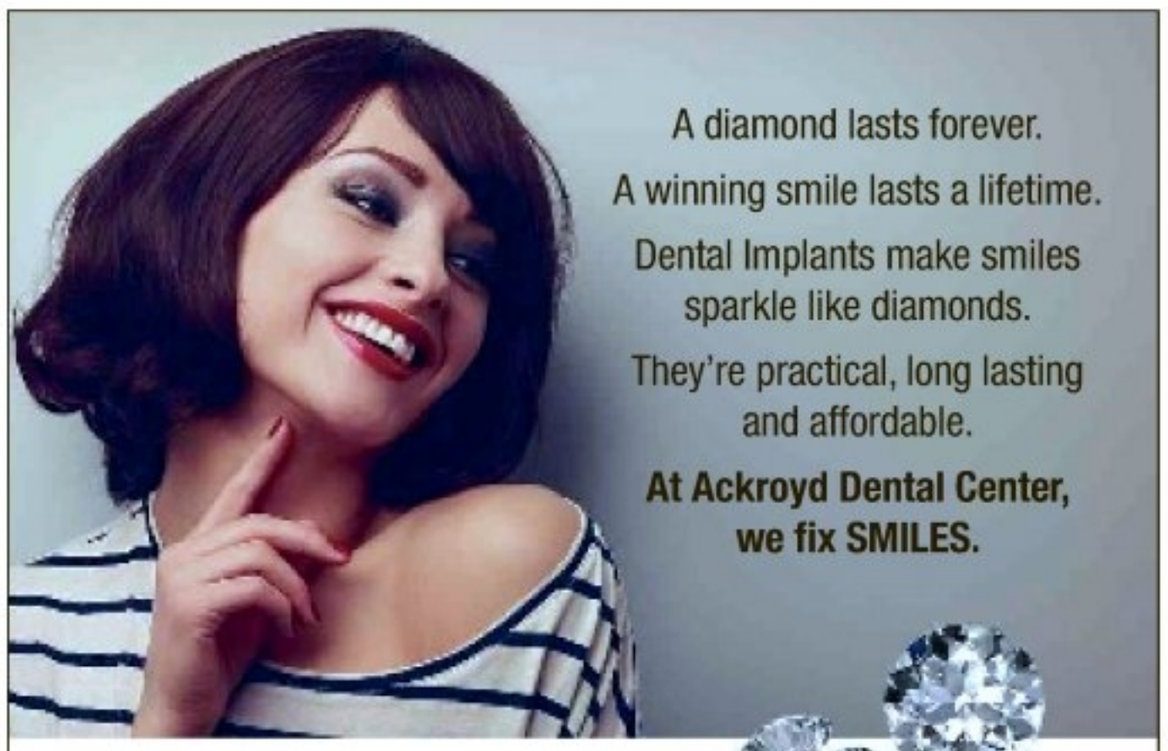
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Should tuition be free?

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Ontario announced last week that it will hand over significantly more grant and loan money to college and university students — essentially making tuition free for families who make less than $50,000. We asked our readers from across the country if school should be free, or if there's a good reason for sky-high tuition fees.

1 How should we decide how much college and university cost?

46% Tuition should be free for all students
5% Other
6% Let the market decide
12% There's nothing wrong with the loans and grants available now
31% A sliding scale based on family income

2 Would you go back to post-secondary education if it was free?

3 If you think tuition should be free below a certain family income, what should the income be?

33% Less than $50K
22% Less than $100K
9% Less than $20K
8% Less than $250K
25% I don't agree with that
3% Other

I'd love it to be free, but we already can't pay for quality education in public K-12.

Everybody should have the right to an affordable education.

Tuition should be a sliding scale based on prior marks and income.

If the government thinks education is expensive, it should try ignorance.

WE ASKED Metro readers

Bike-sharing could butt heads with helmet laws

CITY HOLLER
Trish Kelly

At long last, Vancouver will get its bike-share program.

This summer, we'll see the first 1,000 bikes roll out in a pilot program that will stretch from the Arbutus to Main Street.

The long awaited announcement comes with a hitch though — B.C.'s bike helmet laws. I've used bike shares in the helmet-lawless cities of Montreal and Toronto, where bike-share programs are successful because riders can be impulsive. Bikes can be your plan B when the car2gos that usually line your street are suddenly MIA, or transit feels too defeating.

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Here in Vancouver, riders will have to bring their own helmet, or resign themselves to using the one they find in the bike's basket. Helmet liners will be offered to create a barrier between you and the safety device that just touched the previous rider's melon. It sounds about as appealing as putting one of those paper toilet seat liners on your head.

City of Vancouver's General Manager of Engineering, Jerry Dobrovolny, calls this buzz-killing hitch an "initial hump" we'll need to get over to have a successful program. It certainly is going to take some creative thinking.

Maybe the definition of a helmet could be loosened to include convenient options that can fold or collapse into one's jacket pocket. These lightweight helmets wouldn't actually prevent head injuries, but we're all grown-ups here, aren't we?

So who has the authority to change our bike helmet laws? If you believe the provincial Motor Vehicle Act, it's the Lieutenant-Governor In Council. This mostly ceremonial official acts as the stand-in for our sovereign Queen Elizabeth II in B.C.

Lt.-Gov. Judith Guichon usually busies herself with granting family crests and royally assenting government documents, but the Motor Vehicle Act suggests it's her office which grants approval to bike helmet designs.

Maybe she'd be okay with a helmet design that nods to our British heritage, something like the hats you find inside the gaudy Christmas crackers my English relatives go crazy for, or just very sturdy biking crowns.

Sadly, Lieutenant-Governor In Council as mentioned in the MVA is actually cabinet, which means to get any change, we can't woo the Queen's stand-in. We'd have to get the Clark government to take action, and since we're not talking about LNG, it's a long shot.

In the meantime, Vancouver's bike-share program will plod along, its momentum and success impeded by regulatory requirements, like a bike with an under-filled tire or rubbing break pad. And we'll all have to keep our fingers crossed that the program makes it over the hump.

Trish Kelly lives and writes in East Vancouver. Follow her @trishkellyc

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
metroview

Presidential hopefuls could take some style tips from the Oscars

The Oscars came and went, and once again, it doesn't matter if you were busy tweezing your bikini line. Any personal grooming, really, is more satisfying than the Academy Awards.

The highlights were, as usual, already sliced and diced into an easily digestible breakfast this morning. In fact, the evening's growing irrelevance, heightened by its confounding whiteness and only slightly mitigated by host Chris Rock, is redeemed by just one thing: the fashion!

The Oscars have the exact opposite problem of the U.S. election — which is long on bombast, scandal, juice, jowls and most of all: consequence. What it does not have, not even a little bit, is style.

Bernie Sanders has a Michael Moorian compulsion to look unkempt. Hillary Clinton knows no shape but rectangle. Tangerine-tinged Donald Trump daringly wore a purple tie once, and he looked like a TV used-car salesman. Marco Rubio paired so-called "Cuban heels" (akin to cowboy boots) with his "dad's hand-me-downs" esthetic and the media had a field day. Ted Cruz, who's been accused of mistaking a Snuggie for a trench coat, doesn't appear to know that, whatever his political aspirations, he's too small to shop at Destination XL.

This election has been galling, frustrating, vicious, compelling. Its drama can only be perfected in the wardrobe department, by any one of last night's standout hits or a memorable look from past. Picture Sanders in Angelina Jolie's leg-baring 2012 Atelier Versace number, which he wouldn't shrink from: He's got no establishment ties to hide.

Clinton could prove her humanity to those doubting it by finally showing some skin, à la Lupita Nyong'o and her 2014 pale blue Prada gown.

Trump, whose political moral compass points in Hugh Hefner's general direction, could take the playboy look and steal David Oyelowo's burgundy Dolce and Gabbana tux (preferably in velvet).

Some analysts put Rubio and Cruz neck-and-neck for disfavour among the much-courted Hispanic vote. Perhaps Rubio could gain traction with J.Lo fans, at least, by mimicking her barely-there 2015 Elie Saab Couture look (it matches his barely-there support for immigrants rights).

And Cruz, the ultimate right-wing snake, might feel quite at home in Marion Cotillard's 2008 Jean Paul Gaultier scale-covered dress. It's white, an effective colour to don for battling Trump to be the evangelical's political savior.

One might argue these vying commanders-in-chief are already the hardest working actors around, so why not class it up — if only sartorially.

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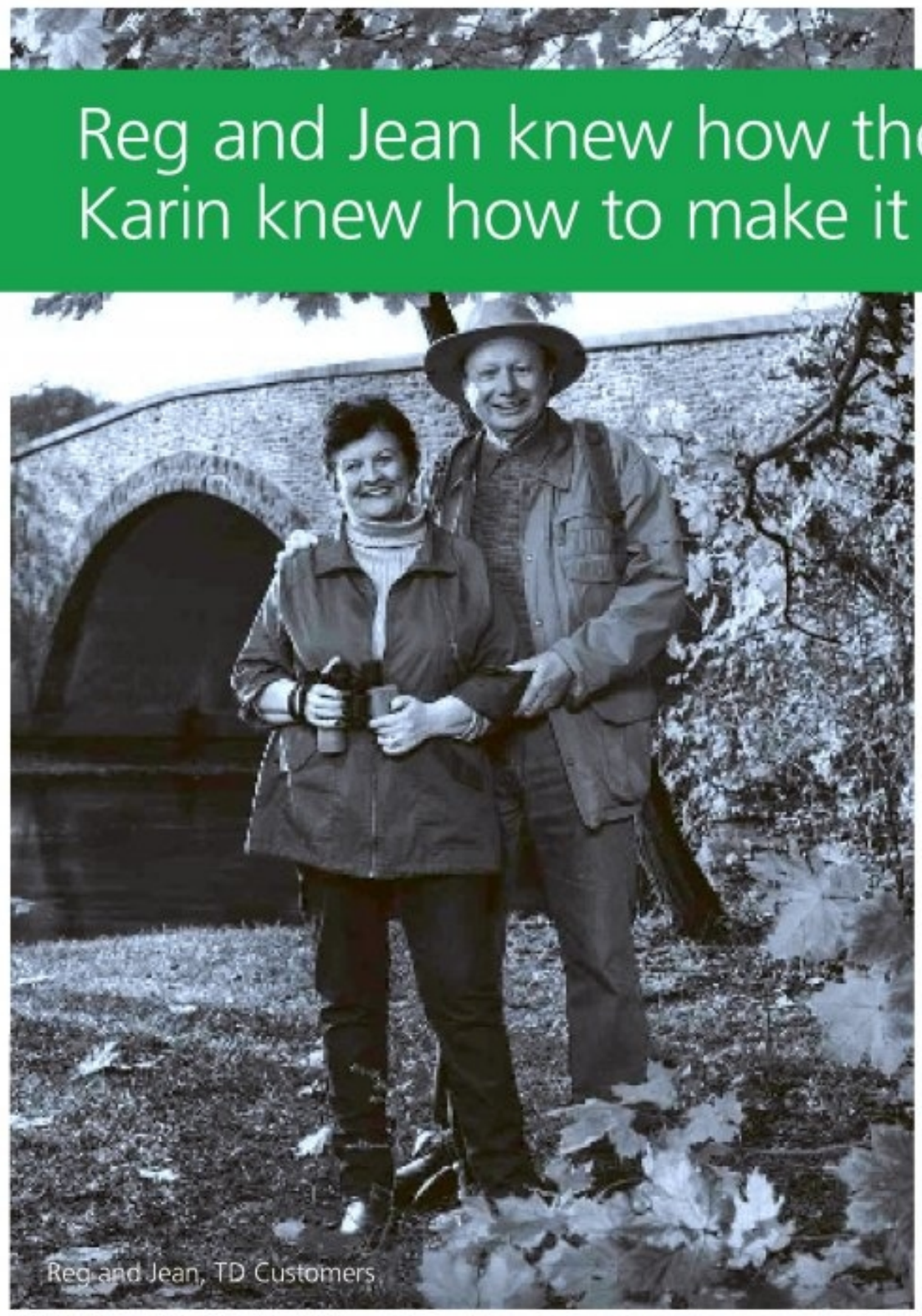

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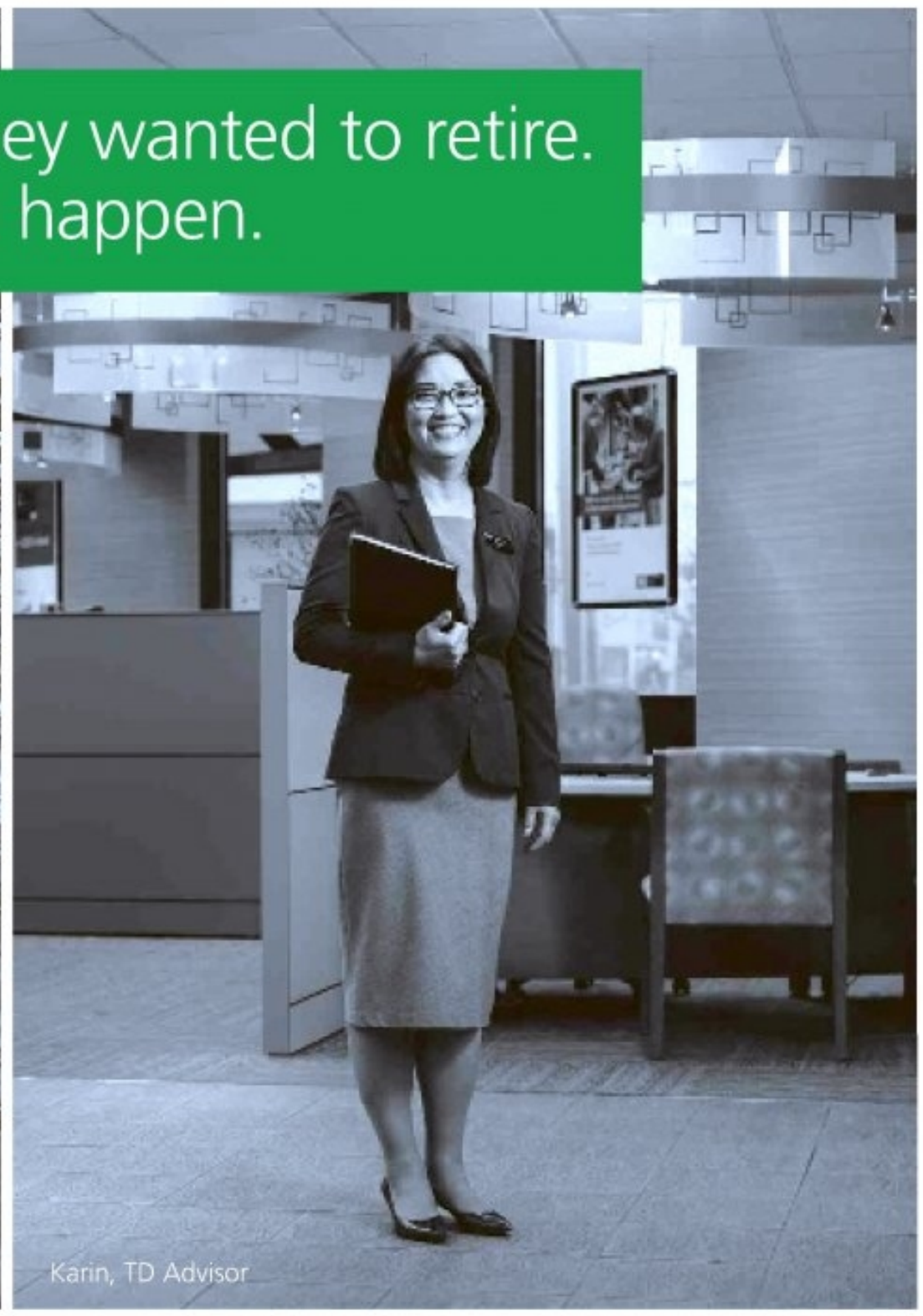

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Six ways to deal with debt

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Manage your money so you can start saving again

Michelle Williams

Debt management involves examining your spending habits and making necessary changes. ISTOCK

If you're like many Canadians, your current financial strategy is less about funding your future retirement and more about dealing with debt. Even if you're earning a good living, fiscal challenges like interminable student loans, mounting credit-card bills and massive mortgage payments can take a huge chunk of your earnings. But there are ways to manage your money that help you pay down debt while putting you on the path to saving:

1. Define your long-term goals

"Basically, it's starting at the ending point," says Kurt Rosentreter, a senior financial advisor at Manulife Securities and chartered accountant in Toronto. "Likely, your goals include paying off your debt, accumulating enough wealth to retire on and perhaps helping your kids toward financial independence. By defining those goals, you have a focus, something you should never lose track of."

Rosentreter suggests going back every few years to track how you're doing at meeting your long-term goals.

2. Examine your spending

"Go back a year and look at your bank and credit-card statements to determine where your money is going," Rosentreter says. "On a spreadsheet, group your expenses into categories."

He recommends four groupings: essential costs (such as food, shelter, utilities), variable costs (things you need but could spend less on or put off to later), discretionary costs (restaurant meals, vacations, entertainment) and luxury costs (indulgent items, such as expensive clothing, high-priced cars, etc.).

3. Change the way you spend

Tracking how you spend can be enlightening and helpful in starting you on the road to changing your money habits.

"The biggest impediment to paying debt is your spending behaviour. Many of the expenses in the first two groups are difficult to eliminate, but you can certainly change the way you spend in groups three and four, the discretionary areas."

4. Don't ignore the small stuff

It's not just the big-ticket items that contribute to debt load. When scanning your credit-card statements, it may be surprising how many of the credit charges are incidental.

"Fewer movies, fewer lattes, fewer lunches out. Skipping all these little treats will add up big over time."

5. Pay off the high-interest debt first

"Credit-card interest is usually high. Your first priority should be to pay down the debt that has the highest rate of interest."

You may wish to move some or all of your credit-card debt to a line of credit or some other lower-interest vehicle to save on interest while you're working down your debt.

6. If necessary, make big changes

If you still can't chip away at your debt, maybe you need bigger changes to your lifestyle. Examine things like your home (is it too much house for you to carry?), the food you buy (can you shop at a less expensive store?) or the way you get around (do you really need a car?) Following this plan will help you save, but how much — and over how long?

"It's difficult to put an amount or time frame around debt repayment, but you should have a debt-free date as part of your goal planning. It will be much more difficult for a lower-income earner to save large amounts of money over smaller periods of time than someone who has more disposable income," says Rosentreter.

Set reasonable timelines and realistic amounts so you can maximize your chances of success. Look online for a debt repayment calculator tool or seek the advice of a financial expert to help you set reasonable goals you can manage.

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Chris Rock takes aim at Academy

THE OSCARS

Host makes fun of casting clichés and racism in Hollywood

Ned Ehrbar
Metro | Hollywood

All eyes were on Hollywood Sunday night for the 88th annual Academy Awards, where there were very few sure things. Most of the assembled Hollywood elite were on the edges of their seats about how host Chris Rock would address the elephant in the room — the lack of racial diversity in the nominees and the resulting #OscarsSoWhite controversy. And he didn't leave them wondering for long, calling the Oscars, "the White People's Choice Awards" before moving on to mock those calling for a boycott.

"Jada boycotting the Oscars is like me boycotting Rihanna's panties. I wasn't invited," he said. He also risked crossing a line or two with some eyebrow-raising lines: "We were too busy being raped and lynched to care about who won best cinematographer" he said of African-Americans during the 1960s."This year, in the In Memoriam package, it's just going to be black people that were shot by the cops on the way to the movies."

After more than nine minutes on the subject, Rock insisted, "Everything's not about race," and then tossed in one joke about women getting more style questions about their attire than men. But with each subsequent appearance on stage, it became clear Rock was not going to let the issue go.

Rock did win back some goodwill later, though, by bringing out a fleet of Girl Scouts to sell cookies to the assembled celebrities and moguls, one-upping Ellen DeGeneres' pizza delivery bit from when she last hosted. He later revealed that the scouts had earned a total of $65,243 from cookie sales to the attendees.

Oh right, the awards themselves. It was an evening of some surprises and upsets and some expected results. The biggest surprise came at the biggest prize of the night, with best picture going to Spotlight, despite speculation that the race was really between The Revenant and Mad Max: Fury Road. And first-time nominee Brie Larson beat out two-time Oscar-winner Cate Blanchett for best actress to win for Room.

On the more surprising side, Bridge of Spies co-star Mark Rylance snatched best supporting actor from the favoured nominee, Creed star Sylvester Stallone. Best supporting actress — another one of the harder-to-predict races of the night — went to Alicia Vikander for her work in The Danish Girl, her first nomination and win.

Mad Max: Fury Road had a very lucrative night, taking home best editing, best costume design, best sound editing, best sound mixing, best production design and best makeup and hairstyling. But George Miller's action blockbuster was upset by The Revenant at a few key turns. Director Alejandro G. Iñarritu took home the Oscar for the second year in a row.

Also for The Revenant, Leonardo DiCaprio finally took home his first Oscar, for best actor. "Climate change is real," he said in his acceptance speech "It is happening right now. It is the most urgent threat facing our entire species. ... Let us not take our planet for granted. I do not take tonight for granted.

For The Revenant Emmanuel Lubezki won the best cinematography award, making him the first cinematographer in history to win the award three years in a row. He previously won for Birdman and Gravity. And best visual effects went to the team from the indie sci-fi drama Ex Machina.

In the writing categories, Tom McCarthy's Spotlight won for best original screenplay, while best adapted screenplay went to another best picture contender, The Big Short.

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Chris Rock pokes fun at Jada Pinkett Smith boycotting the Academy Awards

Chris Rock wasn't afraid to tackle the #OscarsSoWhite controversy at the Academy Awards Sunday night. GETTY IMAGES

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Will Annick and Yolanda's financial goals be met? **Metro's finance guru Lesley-Anne Scorgie** has only a few weeks left to left to tackle the women's largest financial burdens and teach them to allocate resources.

Moving home to save a down payment

LESLEY-ANNE SCORGIE
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THE CHALLENGE: Two ambitious young women have taken on the task of working with financial guru Lesley-Anne Scorgie to makeover their finances in just 12 weeks. Yolanda, 27, in Mississauga, and Annick, 24, from Calgary, are making strides towards eliminating their debts and building savings for down payments and emergencies. Follow their progress #MetroMoneyMakeover @LesleyScorgie.

THIS WEEK: Who wants to move back home after launching from the nest? No one — unless you're Yolanda and saving for a down payment for a home in the GTA.

NEXT WEEK: The road to debt freedom is littered with surprises. Annick's 60/60/60 debt reduction plan ensures she'll reach her debt elimination goal quickly, but doesn't leave room in her budget for "what-if" expenses. We'll explore ways Annick can build emergency funds on her uber-tight budget.

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Yolanda is willing to move back in with her mother to increase her savings so she can buy a home of her own. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

THE SITUATION

Yolanda wants nothing more than to buy a condo and live wild and free in walls that she owns. No more landlords, noise notices (because of her puppy, of course), rent increases and lease agreements. But to get to home ownership, she needs to amp up her savings to $835 per month and curb her periodic impulse purchases. At this pace, she'll have $30,000 within three years ($25,000 for the down payment and $5,000 for closing costs).

Yolanda recently discovered the power of budgeting — lining up her income against her expenses. Unlike so many of us who run in the red, when we broke down the numbers, Yolanda actually had a surplus of $515 each month, with which she can save. But to make up the difference between what she needs to save ($835 per month), she's made the decision to pack up her tiny basement apartment and move back in with her mom this June. This action will save her $350 each month (reduced rent, no utility or grocery bills).

THE LESSON

Generally, if you want something badly, whether home ownership or money to pay for your wedding, you'll need to make sacrifices. Everything in our budget is a trade-off. So, if Yolanda spends more than she needs to on rent, she'll forgo money that could be used towards her down payment.

Certainly there will be drawbacks for Yolanda as she moves home — sharing a bathroom, lack of privacy, a longer commute (two versus one bus) and feeling the pressure of her mother's watchful eyes. But, these challenges can be managed through basic boundary setting and time management. For example, while commuting, Yolanda could use that time to update her budget, read up on current affairs and plan her next career move.

The benefits of her decision are unequivocal — hundreds of dollars saved every month, home cooking and extra care for her pooch, which will relieve Yolanda of the puppy-guilt she drags to work daily. For Yolanda, the pros of moving home far outweigh the cons.

BY THE NUMBERS

Yolanda's Net Worth

The Progress: By bringing Yolanda's financial goals into the forefront she's started taking her money seriously. Since we first sat down in December, Yolanda has improved her net worth by $1,500 through contributing to her RRSP, TFSA and pension and eliminating an annoying $300 MasterCard balance.

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TFSA	$500
RRSP	$900
Savings	$100
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JOHANNA SCHNELLER **WHAT I'M WATCHING**

Tender moments reveal star's maturity

Lena Dunham's character is finally growing up. CONTRIBUTED

THE SHOW: Girls, Season 5, Episode 2 (HBO)
THE MOMENT: The Hug

Hannah (Lena Dunham) knocks on an apartment door. A meek looking man, Keith, answers. Hannah doesn't want to look at him — her father Tad (Peter Scolari) met him online, flew to New York to hook up with him, and left his wallet behind. Hannah just wants to retrieve it and run.

But when Keith tells her he friended Tad on Facebook, and she spies his tiny, bug-eyed dog, she softens.

"You seem like a nice man," she says. "And your dog looks like a toy. You should consider putting her in catalogues."

To Keith's surprise, she hugs him goodbye.

With that hug, Hannah enters adulthood. The previous scene, where Tad describes his hookup to her, is a quiet comic masterpiece of awkwardness (check out Dunham's face as Scolari says, "He didn't look anything like his internet photo.")

The hug, however, squares Hannah's shoulders. By the next scene, when Tad admits, shakily, "I don't know what to do," Hannah finally does. Misery fills her face, but she says the right thing: "That's okay. I'm here."

Watching Hannah, Marnie (Allison Williams), Jessa (Jemima Kirke) and Shoshanna (Zosia Mamet) flail into maturity has been one of television's great bildungsromans. They've been provocative, impulsive, unkind, unmoored. But Dunham turns 30 this year, and she and HBO decided next season will be Girls' last. So there are signs the four are finding themselves. (Episode 3, featuring Shoshanna in Japan, is a stunner.)

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Jessica Lucas plays Tabitha Galavan in Batman prequel Gotham. HANDOUT

Vancouver native Gotham's bad girl

GOTHAM

Villainess talks love of the franchise and biggest fear

Holy hiatus, Batman! Three months after the last new episode aired, Gotham returns for the second half of the show's second season on Monday, on CTV and Fox. It's all part of the new network strategy of keeping viewers keen by splitting 22-episode orders into two uninterrupted runs.

To lure back the Bat-faithful, the series has embraced the dark side of the original DC Comics tales, with police detectives James Gordon (Ben McKenzie) and Harvey Bullock (Ottawa-native Donal Logue) trying to protect wealthy orphan Bruce Wayne (David Mazouz) from an ever-growing list of hoodlums-in-training. They include characters who will someday be known as the Penguin (Robin Lord Taylor), Catwoman (Camren Bicondova) and Mr. Freeze (Nathan Darrow).

One big-name cast addition this season has been Emmy-winner Michael Chiklis as police Capt. Nathaniel Barnes. In addition, the second-half of the season will see the return of Jada Pinkett Smith as Fish Mooney, a ruthless antagonist who seemingly fell to her death last season.

Add another Canadian to the mix: Vancouver-native Jessica Lucas as Tabitha Galavan, a sniper who's part of a family vendetta against Gotham City's ruling elite. The character is said to have Olympic-level athletic skills, especially as a hunter, tracker and marksman.

Lucas says she came by these naturally thanks to her sports-minded mom and dad. Growing up in Vancouver, they had her involved in soccer, track and softball.

"I was always on a baseball diamond or watching my dad play rugby," she says.

The 30-year-old began acting at an early age. At 13, she got an agent and — on her third audition — landed a part on the YTV series 2030 CE.

Her next series was Edgemont, a Vancouver teen drama where more future Canadian stars emerged, including Kristin Kreuk (Smallville, Beauty and the Beast) and Grace Park (Hawaii Five-0).

Another Canadian, Missy Peregrym (Rookie Blue) joined her on the short-lived U.S. series Life as We Know It, which also featured Kelly Osbourne and Sean Faris.

Roles in 90210, the reboot of Melrose Place and Gracepoint followed. Why, does she think, so many young Canadians land jobs on American TV shows?

She feels Canadians bring "a sense of reality and a groundedness that comes through in our performances."

That would seem to be an asset on Gotham, where reality and danger seem more present than in most comic book fantasy shows.

"It's a world so huge and larger than life and fantastical," says Lucas. She says she "grew up on Batman and I've always been a huge fan, so it's a dream come true."

Lucas says when she was a child, her daycare used to play reruns from the original TV Batman series from the '60s.

"I remember Batman from the 'Pow,'" she says.

She later enjoyed the Tim Burton movies and runs down the names of the actors who played Batman on screen. "I remember all of them."

She was into the villains, too, especially Michelle Pfeiffer's turn as Catwoman in 1992's Batman Returns.

"She's just the ultimate combination of sexy and badass."

If Lucas could have one super power, it would be flying — something that scares her in real life. That would seem to be kryptonite for a jet-setting actress, but not for Lucas.

"It's like any other fear in life," she says. "You have to do it and conquer your fear. I just pretend that I'm not afraid and do it anyway." THE CANADIAN PRESS

> **I loved the sense of responsibility, I loved getting to act, I had a job, I was making money — I fell in love with it and I didn't look back.**
> Jessica Lucas, actor

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Despite fracturing her left knee the day before, Lindsey Vonn competed Sunday and placed 13th in a World Cup Alpine combined event

Hamhuis open to change

NHL

Blue-liner says he hasn't been asked to waive no-trade clause

Cam Tucker
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It might have raised a few eyebrows at least to see Canucks' Dan Hamhuis on the ice for Sunday's tilt against the San Jose Sharks.

It could also be the last time this season — or in his career — he plays for the Canucks at Rogers Arena. The trade deadline is Monday.

A veteran defenceman that could be an important addition to a contender and a pending unrestricted free agent, it's very possible Hamhuis is moved to another team by tomorrow, though he will have to waive his no-trade clause.

The Canucks go into the deadline following a 4-1 loss to the Sharks. Still searching for its first three-game winning streak of this season, Vancouver played well through two periods before falling apart in the final 20 minutes as San Jose scored four times.

As for Hamhuis, the wait-and-see game is on with the deadline so close and his name linked in various reports to the Blackhawks, Stars, Bruins and Capitals.

Hamhuis said Canucks management has not yet come to him with a specific trade.

He is open to the possibility of a trade.

"We've put a lot of thought into that. Our first option would be wanting to stay here in Vancouver," he said.

"If management approaches us with a deal that could be a right fit, it's something we'd certainly consider."

The right fit?

"Certainly a contending team would be the No. 1 thing."

Hamhuis hasn't hid the fact that if he's moved at the deadline, he'd still like to possibly return to Vancouver in the summer as a free agent.

There is, however, a reality that Sunday could be it for Hamhuis in a Canucks uniform. That isn't lost on him, either.

He signed here in the summer of 2010, and was an integral part of the Canucks team that went to the Stanley Cup Final in 2011.

"If it is, it's sad because it's been a great time here playing in this city and (in front) of the fans," he said. "But we're hoping that we can stay and stay for a while. But we're open to change, too."

GAME NOTE

Bartkowski scratched with the flu, say Canucks

Vancouver Canucks defenceman Matt Bartkowski was a late scratch from the lineup versus the Sharks, prompting brief speculation about the potential for a trade.

The Canucks announced shortly after that Bartkowski was scratched due to the flu.

It was reported last week that the Canucks are shopping Bartkowski.

SUNDAY In Vancouver

SHARKS	CANUCKS
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Daniel Sedin scored the Canucks' only goal while Ryan Miller made 24 saves.

Dan Hamhuis logged 23 minutes of ice time on Sunday. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

MOGULS

Kingsbury captures 32nd title

Mikael Kingsbury captured his 32nd FIS World Cup title Sunday, winning the dual moguls event on a three-medal day for Canada in Tazawako, Japan.

The 23-year-old freestyle skier from Deux-Montagnes, Que., defeated American Thomas Rowley 20-15, while Benjamin Caven of France won the bronze.

The victory capped an impressive weekend for Kingsbury, who was second in Saturday's single moguls event.

"I'm thrilled to be back on top of a World Cup," Kingsbury said. "There were a few challenges with the course and I had to beat some really good competitors along the way. I really wanted to win (Saturday) and I didn't, so I was extra motivated.

"My confidence kept going up after each dual. I'm happy with the way I dealt with things and that I've basically locked up the Crystal Globe (the overall title)."

Audrey Robichaud of Quebec City and Chloe Dufour-Lapointe of Montreal were back on the podium, finishing second and third respectively in the women's dual moguls.

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SECOND WIN

Marie-Michele Gagnon of Lac-Etchemin, Que., captured her second career World Cup Alpine victory by winning the women's combined event on Sunday in Andorra.

TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS

Alberta golden in Scotties final

Alberta's Chelsea Carey defeated Northern Ontario's Krista McCarville 7-6 on Sunday to win the Canadian women's curling championship.

Carey drew for the win with her last shot of the game.

The Alberta rink will represent Canada at the women's world curling championship March 19-27 in Swift Current, Sask.

Earlier in the day, Jennifer Jones won the bronze medal by downing Manitoba's Kerri Einarson 8-7. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Alberta skip Chelsea Carey, right, celebrates with third Amy Nixon. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL IN BRIEF

Blues beat Hurricanes to end three- game skid

David Backes and Kyle Brodziak scored in the second period to lead the St. Louis Blues to a 5-2 victory over the short-handed Carolina Hurricanes on Sunday.

Ty Rattie, Robby Fabbri and Alex Pietrangelo also scored as St. Louis snapped a three-game losing streak overall and won for the fifth time in six road games.

Jeff Skinner and Ron Hainsey scored for Carolina.

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New-look Blackhawks top league's best in Capitals

Jonathan Toews, Patrick Kane and Dennis Rasmussen scored, and the new-look Chicago Blackhawks beat the NHL-leading Washington Capitals 3-2 on Sunday.

Corey Crawford made 28 saves as the Blackhawks won for only the third time in their last eight games. Andrew Ladd got an assist in his return to Chicago after he was reacquired in a trade with Winnipeg on Thursday night.

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NHL

Staal joins Rangers' Stanley Cup run

Eric Staal gets to play with another brother, and the New York Rangers are loading up for the playoffs.

The Rangers acquired the Carolina Hurricanes' captain and face of the franchise on Sunday.

In exchange for Staal, the Rangers sent centre Aleksi Saarela, who is currently playing in his native Finland, to Carolina along with New York's second-round selections in each of the next two drafts.

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Staal has scored 30-plus goals five times in his career. He has 10 goals and 23 assists this season.

Rangers general manager Jeff Gorton said the Hurricanes retained a portion of Staal's $8.25-million cap hit.

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City new League Cup champs

IN BRIEF

NFL salary cap rises $12M
The NFL's salary cap for 2016 will be $155.27 million, an increase of $12 million. The NFL Players Association confirmed the figure Sunday and will release franchise and transition tag numbers on Monday.

Free agency begins March 9, but teams must apply those tags by Tuesday. Since the 10-year labour agreement was reached in 2011, the cap has risen more than $35 million per team.
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Messi leads Barca to win
Lionel Messi scored with a free kick to help Barcelona come from behind to beat Sevilla 2-1 on Sunday, a record-equalling 34th game without a loss that kept the champs on track to retain their La Liga title.

Sevilla's Victor (Vitolo) Machin struck first for the visitors in the 20th minute, but Messi curled home his free kick 11 minutes later before Gerard Pique got the winner. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Scott victorious with conventional-length putter
Adam Scott won the Honda Classic and put to rest any notion that his career would suffer with a short putter.

In a tight duel with Sergio Garcia on Sunday at PGA National, Scott shot an even-par 70 for a one-shot victory. It was his first title since Colonial in 2014 and his first time winning with a conventional putter since 2010. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOCCER ROUNDUP

Meanwhile, United defeat Arsenal, Spurs win to stay 2nd

Manchester City added another League Cup to the growing collection of trophies under its Abu Dhabi ownership, beating Liverpool in a penalty shootout, with Yaya Toure converting the clinching spot kick on Sunday.

And on a day of double delight for the Manchester clubs, United damaged Arsenal's Premier League title challenge after new star Marcus Rashford scored twice in a 3-2 win. The 18-year-old striker has now scored four goals in his first two starts for United.

Second-place Tottenham rallied to beat Swansea 2-1 to trim the gap to surprise league leader Leicester to two points.

Man City manager Manuel Pellegrini claimed a third trophy in his three-year tenure that is ending this summer — and it was one of his contentious selections that paid off after the final finished 1-1 after extra time and went to penalties at Wembley Stadium.

Second-choice goalkeeper Willy Caballero was selected ahead of Joe Hart for the game — as he has done throughout this competition — and saved three penalties in the shootout. Toure slotted the decisive penalty into the corner to seal a 3-1 shootout win and became the man for the big occasion again, having scored in both of City's FA Cup and League Cup final victories in recent years.

Manchester City captain Vincent Kompany lifts the League Cup at Wembley Stadium after his side defeated Liverpool 3-1 on penalties following a 1-1 draw. GLYN KIRK/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

It was City's second League Cup title in three years and fifth trophy since the club was taken over by Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, a member of Abu Dhabi's royal family.

City went ahead in regulation time through Fernandinho and wasted a series of chances before Philippe Coutinho equalized in the 83rd minute. Coutinho was one of the three Liverpool players to have a penalty saved in the shootout, along with Lucas Leiva and Adam Lallana. In the Premier League, few could have imagined that it would be Leicester and Tottenham as the top two with 11 games left.

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Number of goals Man. United's new teen star Marcus Rashford has in his first two games for club

Tottenham kept up its pursuit of the leaders after scoring two goals in eight minutes — through Nacer Chadli and Danny Rose — to overhaul Swansea, which led early through Alberto Paloschi.

Arsenal is five points adrift of Leicester after another bad day at Old Trafford, where Rashford scored in the 29th and 32nd minutes to continue his dream start to his United career. On his senior debut on Thursday, Rashford also grabbed a double in the Europa League against FC Midtjylland.

After former United striker Danny Welbeck replied for Arsenal, Rashford set up Ander Herrera for a shot from the edge of the area that deflected in off Laurent Koscielny. Mesut Ozil made it 3-2 but fifth-place United held on comfortably to move three points off the top four. Arsenal hasn't won in the league at Old Trafford since 2006.
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DIVISION TABLE

	GP	W-D-L	Pts.
Leicester	27	16-8-3	56
Tottenham	27	15-9-3	54
Arsenal	27	15-6-6	51
Man. City	26	14-5-7	47
Man.United	27	12-8-7	44
West Ham	27	11-10-6	43
S'hampton	27	11-7-9	40
Stoke City	27	11-6-10	39
Liverpool	26	10-8-8	38
Watford	27	10-7-10	37
Chelsea	27	9-9-9	36
Everton	26	8-11-7	35
West Brom	27	9-8-10	35
Crys. Palace	27	9-5-13	32
B'mouth	27	7-8-12	29
Swansea	27	6-9-12	27
Norwich	27	6-6-15	24
Newcastle	26	6-6-14	24
Sunderland	27	6-5-16	23
Aston Villa	27	3-7-17	16

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RECIPE Roasted Cod Provençal

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This flaky cod sits in a thick and delicious sauce featuring herbs and olives. Trust us. It's all about the olives.

Ready in
Prep time: 10 minutes
Total time: 30 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1 red onion, sliced
- 1 bulb of fennel, trimmed and thinly sliced (retain the fennel fronds for garnish)
- 1 red pepper, trimmed and thinly sliced
- 1/4 tsp dried thyme
- 1/4 tsp dried oregano
- 1 can of tomatoes (28 oz.)
- 1/3 cup black olives, pitted
- 4 filets of cod

Directions
1. Preheat the oven to 350 F.
2. In a large skillet, warm olive oil over medium heat. Toss in the garlic, onions and fennel and sauté for about 5 minutes until vegetables begin to soften. Add the peppers and the herbs and cook for another 3 minutes.
3. Add the tomatoes and olives. Use the back of a wooden spoon to break up the tomatoes. Allow to simmer and thicken, about 10 minutes.
4. Pour the sauce into a baking dish. Lay the cod over the sauce and bake for 12 to 15 minutes, until fish is flaky.
5. Sprinkle finely chopped fennel fronds over top.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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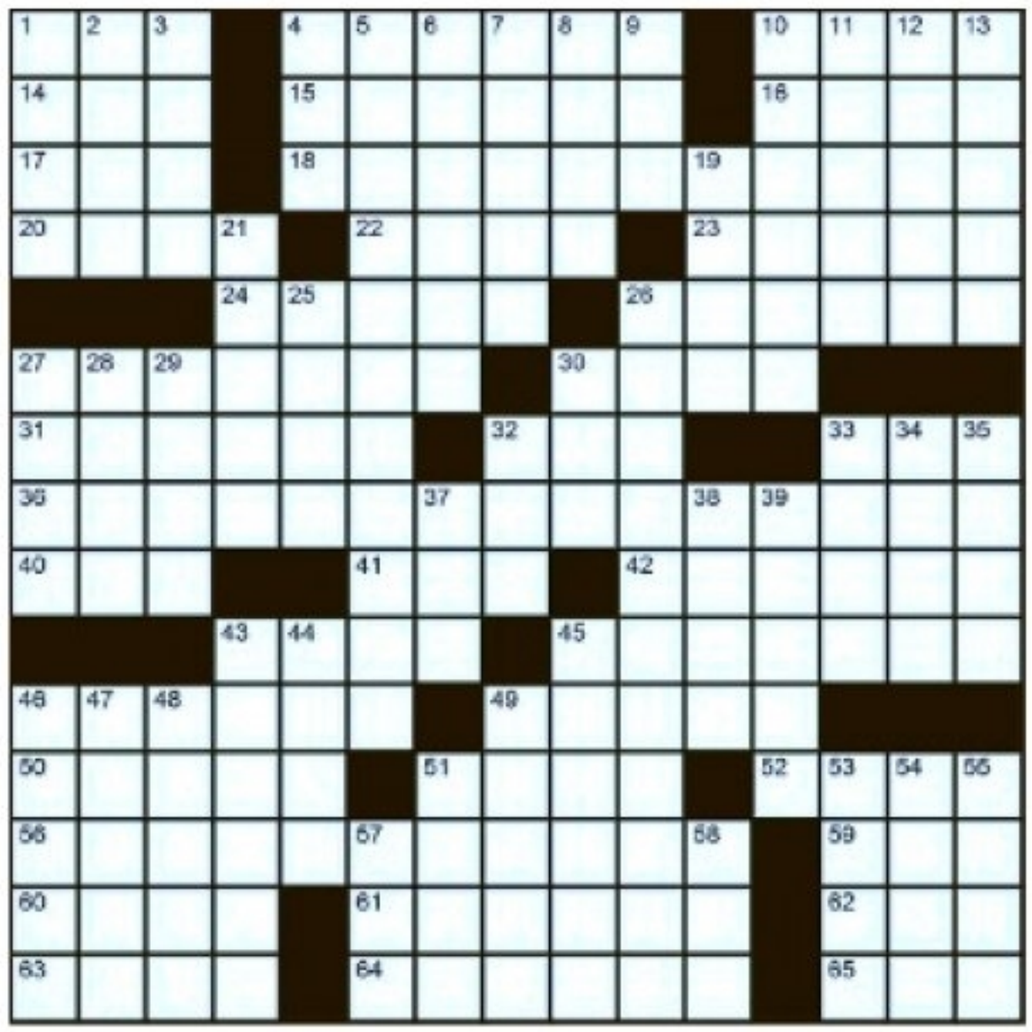

ACROSS
1. Premium auto maker
4. Clash hit: "Rock the _"
10. Sitar song
14. Regret
15. Woolly animal
16. Biblical grandson
17. Publicize
18. Leap Year: Today is February _-_
20. Mr. Kinnear
22. Tibet's shaggy animals
23. Rinse with a solvent
24. Connects
26. Loonie
27. Turns in the coupons
30. Lots
31. "That may be, however...": 2 wds.
32. There: Latin
33. Univ. paper
36. BC: _ _ National Park
40. Tic-Tac-Toe losing line
41. Lana Del Who?
42. Canuck rocker Neil's family
43. Stairway feature
45. Madrid language
46. Arrow-throwing matchmaker's
49. Bogus
50. Fennel-like flavour
51. Ben _ (Sci-Fi author of Return to Mars)
52. _ Canal
56. Passes-processing person: 2 wds.
59. Blue/orange jerseys NHL team [acronym]
60. Theatrical opening, _ _
61. Insight
62. 'Fall' suffix (Misconception)
63. Midday
64. Fido can't stay here: 2 wds.
65. Caribbean music

DOWN
1. Talk big
2. "The Ghost & Mrs. _"
3. Jewel's "You _ Meant for Me"
4. Meower
5. 1984 Los Angeles: Olympic kayak champion who raised an eagle feather when he and teammate Hugh Fisher won gold for Canada: 2 wds.
6. Verbalizes
7. Does depositing
8. Parliament statutes
9. Barnyard bale
10. Showbiz personality, Charles Nelson _
11. Invalidate
12. "Something's _ Give" (2003)
13. Peter of '60s pop duo Peter and Gordon
19. Vegas illuminator
21. Ms. Close
25. 'Class' suffix (Most elegant)
26. Discovery Channel science show: 2 wds.
27. San _, Italy
28. Rachael Ray's lettered liquid
29. Two: French
30. British honour [acronym]
32. Crawling plant
33. Rice-A-_
34. Mail deliveries, e.g.
35. Musician/radio personality John
37. Seafood, to some
38. "_, _ I was saying..."
39. Songs
43. Co-host of #26-Down, Dan _
44. "Zip-_-_-Doo-Dah"
45. "I need heeeelp!": 2 wds.
46. The Settlers of _ (Board game)
47. Canadian food company since 1917
48. Prefix to 'graph' (Cave drawing, for instance)
49. Be a pair of glasses coming in from the cold: 2 wds.
51. Betty Crocker salad topping soya bit
53. Irish actress Ms. O'Connor's
54. 15th-century Flemish painter, Jan van _
55. Ms. Tong, co-host of the Canadian show at #26-Down
57. Beige
58. Belonging to Memphis' li'l state

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
What someone is offering you may seem like a good deal but is it really? Hold out for more because you are way above average in skill, commitment and intelligence. They need you more than you need them.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
There are times in life when it is better to give up than to struggle on with a thankless task and this may well be one of them. Take the hint and move on to something else.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Stop worrying what other people think about you. You are who you are and no one has the right to demand you be anything else. Don't listen to those advising you otherwise.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Don't just believe what other people tell you today — find out for yourself. Most likely you will quickly see through their lies and distortions and arrive at a truth that is very different to what they wanted you to believe.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
The news you get today won't be as bad as you feared, so look on the bright side. If you make a habit of seeing things in a negative light then they may become self-fulfilling.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Forget about making changes because you're still heading in the right direction. Contrary to what some people might be telling you, your life does not need a major rethink.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Financial and career concerns seem to be taking up a lot of your time and emotional energy. You know from past experience that it will all come right in the end. Find reasons to smile, and make others smile too.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
It may be true that your working life is in a bit of a rut but don't go doing anything drastic just yet. You are advised to sit back, relax and watch (and laugh at) the passing parade.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Spell out in plain and simple language what it is you need done. If you leave room for doubt you can be sure that someone will get it wrong and cause unnecessary mayhem.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
The more you try to analyze your current situation the more complicated it looks, so why not take the hint and let it be? Focus on things you feel more comfortable with.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
If you don't slow down you could end up falling down! Your emotional and intellectual energy may be unlimited but your physical energy is not. Don't burn yourself out.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
It's important that you treat someone fairly, even if they do not fully deserve it. They have broken the rules, but if you look at their situation with a little more sympathy you may find they did not have much of a choice.

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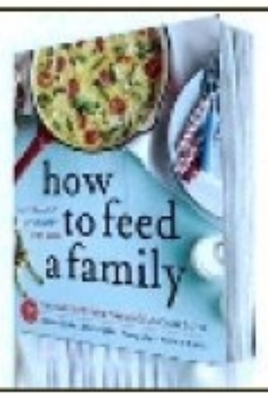

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